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66. It was decided after informal discussion that [REDACTED] would drive to the [REDACTED] sites the following day and visit the [REDACTED] personnel in the area.

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67. On 25 March the [REDACTED] sites were inspected. At [REDACTED] the mobile receiver truck is set up inside the temporary hangar at the south end of the field. The transmitter van is set up just outside the hangar. One temporary rhombic antenna is set up near this hangar beamed on the [REDACTED] area. Two temporary long wire antennae are also erected near the hangar. The hangar in the northwest corner of the field, which will be our permanent hangar solely for our use, is now empty and available for occupancy. It is planned to build an office and supply enclosure within the hangar to facilitate locked storage of agent type communications equipment. Laboratory facilities will also be included. The hangar is now being painted and repaired. Upon completion of all this work the present temporary hangar will be relinquished and operations moved to this permanent hangar. The [REDACTED] receiving installation occupies the northeast quarter of the field. They have about 12 or 15 rhombics already in place around a proposed building site. They have at present run tremendously long open wire feeders from all antennae to the control tower in which they have set up their receiving positions. These feeders were to have been temporary but [REDACTED] said he had heard they may stay in the control tower permanently and the proposed buildings may not be constructed.

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68. All of the antenna bases have been poured at [REDACTED] including the base for the micro-wave tower. Erection will commence as soon as all anchors are in place. The micro-wave tower will be erected by [REDACTED] contractors.

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69. A trip to [REDACTED] was made. Here two rhombic antennae had been completed except for the feeder lines. Bases had been poured for the other antennae. The first 25 feet of the microwave tower had been erected. The shop truck was stored in the large shed which has been ours since the beginning. This shed has had wind damage to one corner of the roof which will be repaired soon. The [REDACTED] antenna installation here is quite complete. They have their transmitters installed in the control tower with open wire feeders going out to the antennae. [REDACTED] said their transmitters were mostly Wilcox 96C types.

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70. Residences of several of the men were visited. All men have adequate housing now though four men live over 15 miles from [REDACTED] (two of these are only seven miles from [REDACTED]). Their residences are typically [REDACTED] houses built of stone and timbers and are cold and generally uncomfortable in the winter months. All utility services are rather antique and impractical. All of the men are satisfied though and doing a good job of putting up with their discomforts. Fortunately all of the men and their families get along well and are able to entertain themselves through social get-togethers among themselves.

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71. On 26 March [REDACTED] had a short talk with [REDACTED] Chief of Station for [REDACTED]. The progress of the [REDACTED] radio station project was discussed in general. Later on a meeting was held between [REDACTED], [REDACTED] just recently arrived from [REDACTED]. The following points were brought out after general discussions concerning progress etc.

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B. [REDACTED] asked for an indication from the home office concerning the [REDACTED] gear and wanted to know whether it should be kept intact or whether the parts should be used as needed. [REDACTED] said they had had a couple of occasions to rob parts from the gear but that they had done so with full intention of replacing said parts when possible.

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C. [REDACTED] also asked for a general policy regarding the responsibilities of the seven men assigned to [REDACTED]. He felt that these men should concentrate either on construction of [REDACTED] or on [REDACTED] and operational tests but that they could not do both with any satisfactory degree of efficiency. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] both were of the opinion that we should concentrate our efforts on completion of [REDACTED] and get it done and then conduct our tests with this equipment and antennae designed for the job.

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D. [REDACTED] was asked to discuss the possibilities of reducing or eliminating the [REDACTED] watch. The points were:

1. The watch covers 10 hours per day, but leaves 14 straight hours per day uncovered and anything could happen during this 14 hour period. Thus why not cut out the 10 hour straight through watch and substitute two, three or four short watches spread out through the day.
2. If an emergency arises, the word will be communicated rapidly to [REDACTED] or the new [REDACTED] chief. At that time the radio station could be alerted for a concentrated watch for the duration of the emergency. In this instance a duty watch list could be worked out to insure an operator always being immediately available.
3. Maintenance of the [REDACTED] watch over a 10 hour period every day of the week occupies most of the time of the bulk of the personnel at [REDACTED]. When the transmitter is removed to [REDACTED] two men will be required on this watch most of the time.

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E. [REDACTED] mentioned that some thought had been given to the idea of employing [REDACTED] labor and putting them to work at the sites under the supervision of our men.